

REMARKS

The pending claims currently stand rejected in a non-final Office Action mailed April 24, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out that the invention recovers lost or damaged data from encoded image data. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments because image data was claimed in originally filed claims 13-15, among others.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-76 and 78-96

Claims 1-76 and 78-96 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Waibel et al (U.S. Patent 5,712,957). Applicant respectfully submits that Waibel does not teach each and every limitation of the invention as claimed in claims 1-76 and 78-96.

Waibel discloses correction of errors generated by a speech recognition engine. The engine generates a set of hypotheses of the spoken words using a first language model, and selects one of the set as the primary recognized speech. When the user indicates a portion of the primary recognized speech is in error and repeats the portion, the engine generates another set of hypotheses using a second language model designed specifically for error correction, and selects one of the set as the secondary recognized speech. Both the primary and secondary recognized speech are used to correct the error. Waibel relies on well-known speech language models, such as trigram, bigram, or wordpairs.

In contrast, in claims 1-76 and 78-69, Applicant claims recovering lost or damaged data from encoded image data. Waibel does not teach or suggest any techniques for recovering errors in encoded image data. Nor would it be obvious to anyone of skill

in the art to look to speech recognition correction technology to recover errors in encoded image data because speech recognition is predicated on data models that are specific to spoken language and not applicable to the encoding and decoding of image data.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 1-76 and 78-69 is not rendered obvious by Waibel, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

SUMMARY

Claims 1-76 and 78-69 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-3476.

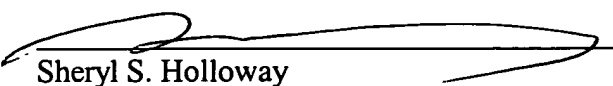
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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